Nomination of Directors on the management of the Peerless General Finance and Investment Company

2975. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 841 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th November, 1987 and state

(a) whether the names of four Directors to be nominated on the management of the Peerlesss General Finance Investment Company Limited have since been finalised;

(b) if so, what are their names and what is their status; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, by when the names of the Directors are likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) Shri O. V. Kuruvilla, Ex-Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes.

(ii) Shri G. S. Patel, Ex-Chairman, Unit Trust of India.

(iii) Shri O. P. Gupta, Ex-Chairman, Punjab National Bank.

(iv) Shri J.C. Sengupta, Ex-Member, Board of Revenue, Government of West Bengal.

(c) Does not arise.

Career Prospects of Technical Assistants in CEA

2976. SHRI K VASUDEVA PANICKER:
SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDDIQI:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the career prospects of the 1st class graduate engineers Group 'C' Technical Assistants in Central Electricity Authority under the Ministry of Energy are very bleak and stagnation level has reached more than 50 per cent;

(b) whether it is also a fact that cadre review committee constituted by Government for promotion/upgradation of the post of Technical Assistant to Assistant Director (Engineering) Grade II has not met even for once since its formation; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and by when the committee is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir Technical Assistants in the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) form one of the feeder grades for promotion to the higher grade of Assistant Director (Grade II)/ Assistant Engineer for which the minimum eligibility condition is 3 years' service in the grade. Of the 121 Technical Assistants presently working in the CEA, 47 officers have completed this eligibility condition and four of them have recently been approved for promotion against available vacancies.

(b) and (c) A Committee was set up in June, 1987, by the CEA to review the cadre structure of Group 'B' and 'C' engineering posts, including those of Technical Assistants. This cadre review is inter-connected with the cadre review relating to Group 'A' engineering posts in the CEA. The proposals for cadre review of Group 'A' posts have recently been prepared by the CEA and, based thereon, the Committee has commenced reviewing the cadre structure of Group 'B' and 'C' engineering posts. The Committee is expected to complete its work by March, 1988.

Production of Chloramphenicol

2977. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether chloramphenicol is being produced from different stages in the country;